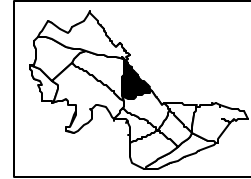


NEIGHBORHOOD 8

AGASSIZ



BOUNDARIES: bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge Street, Quincy Street, Kirkland Street, and the Somerville border

POPULATION: 5,158 residents
1,891 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,853

Neighborhood #8 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It is also covered by walking routes 8A, 8B, and 8C.

2001 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

Not surprisingly, the 2nd Quarter crime count for Agassiz is strikingly low, as compared with those of other Cambridge neighborhoods. • **Drug arrests** were, again, non-existent in this area, and **housebreaks** totaled merely 2 incidents. • The 1 **street robbery** that occurred (on 3/8) was related to an earlier incident (on 3/4) that took place in the neighboring Peabody area. Both robberies transpired between 8 pm & midnight, and involved a single male suspect, wielding a silver handgun. • No changes were observed among crimes of **malicious destruction** in this area, for the first half of 2001. Of the 11 crimes, most occurred mid-day or in the late night hours, with cars as well as homes and business targeted. Twice in the week of 6/17, a clothing store located at 1815 Mass Ave was vandalized when unknown perpetrators smashed the front glass of the establishment with cobblestones. Other events included 2 graffiti-related incidents on Francis Ave, and a brief series of destructive acts clustered on Kirkland St. • **Auto thefts** and **larcenies from motor vehicles** climbed up by half, with no apparent patterns. Auto thefts were scattered about the Quarter, with most events occurring on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, at varied times. No particular autos were targeted, and recoveries were made in surrounding areas (including Everett, Dorchester, & Roxbury). As for motor vehicle larcenies, hits were primarily made mid-week to autos parked along Prentiss, Oxford, Frost, & Forest Streets.

Comparison of Target Crime Statistics 2nd Quarter 2000 & 2001

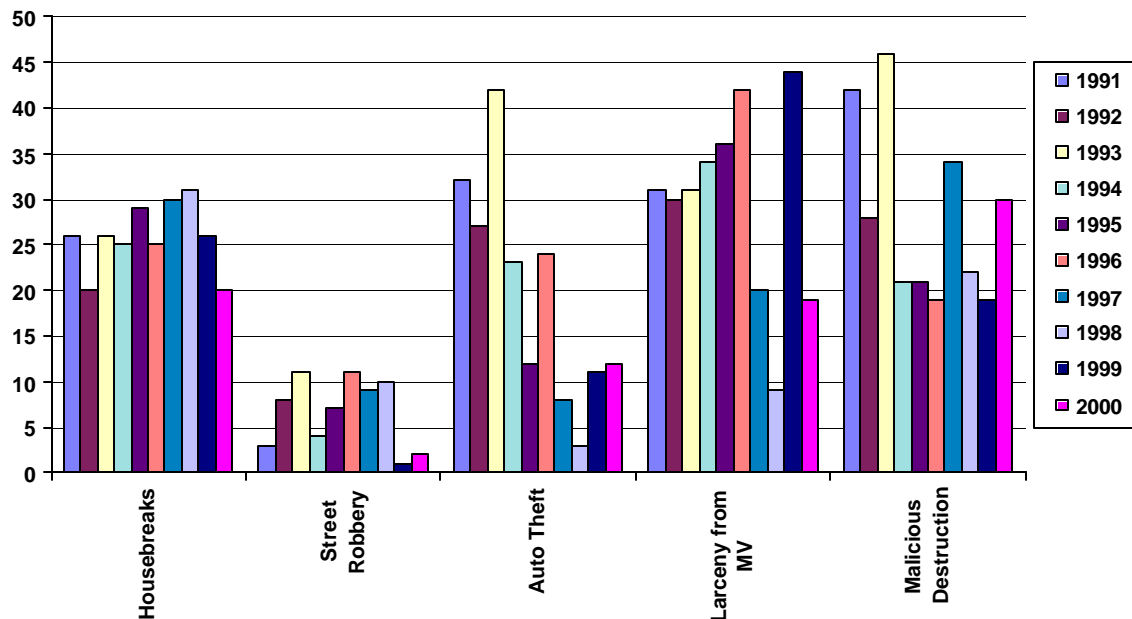
CRIME	2 nd Q 2000	2 nd Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	8	2	-75 %
Street Robbery	0	1	Inc.
Auto Theft	6	9	+50 %
Larceny from MVs	12	18	+50 %
Malicious Destruction	11	11	N.C.
Drug Arrests	0	0	N.C.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Over half of the Agassiz neighborhood is occupied by Harvard University and Lesley College. The rest of the residential population is concentrated primarily in a triangle in the northern section of the neighborhood, capped by bustling Porter Square. A number of businesses line Massachusetts Avenue on Agassiz's west border.

Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the southern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.

- Agassiz has a significantly lower than average rate for almost every measured crime. Unlike some other neighborhoods, only one of its borders is defined by a major, heavily trafficked avenue. Only four other neighborhoods have lower average **housebreak** and **larceny from motor vehicle** totals; only three other neighborhoods have lower average totals for **street robberies**, and Agassiz ranks as the third lowest neighborhood for **auto theft** and **malicious destruction**.
- There were no **street robberies** during this quarter in 1999, but that changed in 2000 when there was one street robbery. It occurred when the suspect demanded the victim's money and also showed a silver handgun. No one was hurt and \$60 was taken.
- The **malicious destruction** statistics reflect incidents of spray-painting at the Agassiz School.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR AGASSIZ AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	67	8	25	10	10
Street Robbery	11	9	6	10	11
Auto Theft	45	12	20	10	11
Larceny from MVs	47	11	30	11	11
Malicious Destruction	45	11	29	10	11

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest